

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

The United States of America

DEFENDANTS

DEBRA E. BRANHAM
1537 South 31st Street
Philadelphia, PA 19146

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Philadelphia
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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Attorneys (If Known) _____

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- X 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
2 U.S. Government Defendant
3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
|---|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|
| Citizen of This State | 1 | X 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | 4 | 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | 2 | 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | 5 | 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | 3 | 3 | Foreign Nation | 6 | 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
110 Insurance 120 Marine 130 Miller Act 140 Negotiable Instrument 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment 151 Medicare Act X 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholders' Suits 190 Other Contract 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY 310 Airplane 315 Airplane Product Liability 320 Assault, Libel & Slander 330 Federal Employers' Liability 340 Marine 345 Marine Product Liability 350 Motor Vehicle 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability 360 Other Personal Injury 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	PERSONAL INJURY 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY 370 Other Fraud 371 Truth in Lending 380 Other Personal Property Damage 385 Property Damage Product Liability	625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 690 Other LABOR 710 Fair Labor Standards Act 720 Labor/Management Relations 740 Railway Labor Act 751 Family and Medical Leave Act 790 Other Labor Litigation 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION 462 Naturalization Application 465 Other Immigration Actions	422 Appeal 28 USC 158 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS 820 Copyrights 830 Patent 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY 861 HIA (1395ff) 862 Black Lung (923) 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) 864 SSID Title XVI 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	375 False Claims Act 400 State Reapportionment 410 Antitrust 430 Banks and Banking 450 Commerce 460 Deportation 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations 480 Consumer Credit 490 Cable/Sat TV 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange 890 Other Statutory Actions 891 Agricultural Acts 893 Environmental Matters 895 Freedom of Information Act 896 Arbitration 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS			
210 Land Condemnation 220 Foreclosure 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment 240 Torts to Land 245 Tort Product Liability 290 All Other Real Property	440 Other Civil Rights 441 Voting 442 Employment 443 Housing/Accommodations 445 Amer. w/Disabilities Employment 446 Amer. w/Disabilities Other 448 Education	Habeas Corpus: 463 Alien Detainee 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence 530 General 535 Death Penalty Other: 540 Mandamus & Other 550 Civil Rights 555 Prison Condition 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding
2 Removed from State Court
3 Remanded from Appellate Court
4 Reinstated or Reopened
5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
6 Multidistrict Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

28 U.S.C. 1345

Brief description of cause:

Enforced Collections

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION
UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: Yes X No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION NO.

vs.

DEBRA E. BRANHAM

Defendants

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that the defendants do not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that the defendants shall, with their first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which those defendants believe the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus -- Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. §2241 through §2255. ()
- (b) Social Security -- Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()
- (c) Arbitration -- Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ()
- (d) Asbestos -- Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ()
- (e) Special Management -- Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()
- (f) Standard Management -- Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. (X)

2/1/2017

Date



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA – DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case of the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: c/o Suite 5000 – BNY Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532

Address of Defendants: 1537 South 31st Street Philadelphia, PA 19146

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: ACTION OF ENFORCED COLLECTIONS
(Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)

Does this case involve multi-district litigation possibilities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: _____ Judge: _____ Date Terminated: _____

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier number case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒

CIVIL. (Place ☒ in ONE CATEGORY ONLY)

A. Federal Question Cases

1. ☒ Indemnity Contract, Marine contract, and All Other Contracts
2. ☐ FELA
3. ☐ Jones Act-Personal Injury
4. ☐ Antitrust
5. ☐ Patent
6. ☐ Labor-Management Relations
7. ☐ Civil rights
8. ☐ Habeas Corpus
9. ☐ Securities Act(s) Cases
10. ☐ Social Security Review Cases
11. ☐ All other Federal Question Cases

(Please specify) **Foreclosure of property encumbered by a federal mortgage.**

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

1. Insurance contract and Other Contracts
2. Airplane Personal Injury
3. Assault, Defamation
4. Marine Personal Injury
5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify)
7. Products Liability
8. Products Liability – Asbestor
9. All other diversity Cases
(Please specify)

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check appropriate Category)

I, Rebecca A. Solarz, Esq., counsel of record do hereby certify:

- ☐ Pursuant to Local civil Rule 52.2, Section 2©(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs.
- ☐ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: 2/1/17

Attorney-at-Law

(sig)

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Attorney i.d.#

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 39.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: 2/1/17

Attorney-at-Law

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Attorney i.d.#

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

vs.

DEBRA E. BRANHAM

Defendants

CIVIL NO.

COMPLAINT

The United States of America, on behalf of its Agency, U.S. Department of Education, by its specially appointed counsel, Rebecca A. Solarz of KML LAW GROUP, P.C., represents as follows:

1. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1345.
2. The last-known address(es) of the Defendants, DEBRA E. BRANHAM (“Defendants”) is/are 1537 South 31st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146.
3. That the defendant is indebted to the plaintiff in principal amount of \$2,716.35, plus interest of \$5,985.76, for a total of \$8,702.11. A true and correct copy of the Certificate of Indebtedness is attached as Exhibit “A” (“Certificate of Indebtedness”).
4. Demand has been made upon Defendant by Plaintiff for the sum due but the amount due remains unpaid.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows;

(A) In the amount \$8,702.11.

(B) Plus filing fee allowed pursuant to 28 U.S.C., Section 1914 in the sum of \$150.00.

(C) Interest from the date of judgment at the legal rate of interest in effect on the date of judgment until paid in full.

(D) Costs of suit.

Notice is hereby given to Defendant that Plaintiff intends to seek satisfaction of any judgment rendered in its favor in this action from any debt accruing.

United States of America by and through
its specially appointed counsel
KML Law Group, P.C.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

vs.

DEBRA E. BRANHAM

Defendants

CIVIL NO.

EXHIBITS

“A” CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS #1 OF 1

Debra E. Branham
1537 S 31st St
Philadelphia, PA 19146-3527
Account No. xxx-xx-1884

I certify that U. S. Department of Education records show that the borrower named above is indebted to the United States in the amount stated below plus additional interest from 10/21/16.

On or about 09/27/91 the borrower executed promissory note(s) to secure loan(s) of \$2,625.00 from Fidelity Bank (Upper Darby, PA). This loan was disbursed for \$2,625.00 on 02/28/92 at 8.00% interest, rising to 10% after the fourth year of repayment. The loan obligation was guaranteed by Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, and then reinsured by the Department of Education under loan guaranty programs authorized under Title IV-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1071 *et seq.* (34 C.F.R. Part 682). The holder demanded payment according to the terms of the note, and credited \$92.38 to the outstanding principal owed on the loan. The borrower defaulted on the obligation on 04/14/93, and the holder filed a claim on the loan guarantee.

Due to this default, the guaranty agency paid a claim in the amount of \$2,716.35 to the holder. The guarantor was then reimbursed for that claim payment by the Department under its reinsurance agreement. Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 682.410(b)(4), once the guarantor pays on a default claim, the entire amount paid becomes due to the guarantor as principal. The guarantor attempted to collect this debt from the borrower. The guarantor was unable to collect the full amount due, and on 03/09/00, assigned its right and title to the loan to the Department.

Since the assignment of the loan, the Department has credited a total of \$0.00 in payments from all sources, including Treasury Department offsets, if any, to the balance. After application of these payments, the borrower now owes the United States the following:

Principal:	\$ 2,716.35
Interest:	\$ 5,985.76

Total debt as of 10/21/16:	\$ 8,702.11
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Interest accrues on the principal shown here at a daily rate of \$0.74.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 10/21/16



Christopher Bolander
Loan Analyst/Litigation Support